Directions for Alpha Box

**Alpha box**

Create a grid of 24 equal size boxes either for individual use on computer or on

chart paper for group. Each square will represent one letter of alphabet with last square

being X,Y,Z. Prior to beginning reading on new topic, insert words that reflect prior

knowledge of topic. For example prior to reading a book on spiders – in the “E” box, a

child might write “eight legs”. Or in the “W” box a child might write a fact about webs.

Words/phrases can be added to the boxes as child reads text. Additional points of

importance, inferences or conclusions can be added after the reading. Model with a

chart version first demonstrating the possibilities for filling in the grid.